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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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In re:	:	Chapter 11
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PURDUE PHARMA L.P., <i>et al.</i>	:	Case No. 19-23649 (RDD)
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Debtors. ¹	:	(Jointly Administered)
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**SUMMARY SHEET FOR THE THIRD INTERIM FEE APPLICATION
OF KURTZMAN CARSON CONSULTANTS LLC AS INFORMATION
AGENT TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS
FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
RENDERED AND FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF ACTUAL AND
NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED FROM
JUNE 1, 2020 THROUGH AND INCLUDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

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General Information

Name of Applicant:	Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC
Authorized to Provide Services to:	The Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors
Date of Retention Order:	November 21, 2019, <i>nunc pro tunc</i> to November 1, 2019
Type of Application:	Interim

Summary of Fees and Expenses Sought in the Fee Application

Period for Which Compensation and Reimbursement is Sought in the Fee Application:	June 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020
Amount of Compensation Sought as Actual, Reasonable, and Necessary for the Fee Period:	\$245,204.44
Amount of Expense Reimbursement Sought as Actual, Reasonable, and Necessary for the Fee Period:	\$23,155.05
Total Compensation and Expense Reimbursement Request for the Fee Period:	\$269,007.05 ²

Summary of Past Requests for Compensation and Prior Payments

Total Compensation Approved by Interim Order to Date:	\$164,695.98
Total Expenses Approved by Interim Order Dates:	\$18,789.94

² This amount includes \$647.56 in sales tax.

SUMMARY OF MONTHLY FEE STATEMENTS INCLUDED IN THIS APPLICATION

ECF Number	Period Covered	Fees Requested	Expenses Requested	Fees Paid	Expenses Paid	Total Unpaid
1562	6/1/2020 – 6/30/2020	\$66,006.41 (80% of \$82,508.01)	\$7,143.02	\$66,006.41	\$7,143.02 ³	\$16,501.60
1700	7/1/2020 – 7/31/2020	\$98,689.57 (80% of \$123,361.96)	\$11,646.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$135,274.15 ⁴
1879	8/1/2020 – 8/31/2020	\$22,825.58 (80% of \$28,531.98)	\$1,081.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,645.68 ⁵
1930	9/1/2020 – 9/30/2020	\$8,641.99 (80% of \$10,802.49)	\$3,283.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,191.18 ⁶
Totals				\$66,006.41	\$7,143.02	\$195,612.61

Summary of Any Objections to Monthly Fee Statements: None
Compensation and Expenses Sought in This Application Not Yet Paid: \$195,612.61

³ This amount includes \$245.01 in sales tax.

⁴ This amount includes \$265.27 in sales tax.

⁵ This amount includes \$32.50 in sales tax.

⁶ This amount includes \$104.78 in sales tax.

BILLING SUMMARY FOR THE FEE PERIOD

Initials	Name	Position	Hours	Rate	Total
AES	Anitra Eubanks	Consultant	1.5	\$200.86	\$ 301.29
ANP	Angela Preston	Consultant	0.5	\$200.88	\$ 100.44
AOP	Alfredo Pastor	Consultant	17.2	\$196.19	\$ 3,374.48
AWC	Andrew Clemans	Consultant	26.1	\$172.02	\$ 4,489.72
BIF	Bianca Barrera	Consultant	0.2	\$200.90	\$ 40.18
BSZ	Bobbie Szlembarska	Consultant	2.3	\$153.05	\$ 352.01
BYH	Bryanna Hensley	Consultant	64.8	\$194.35	\$ 12,593.91
CCE	Cerene Credo	Consultant	0.2	\$149.45	\$ 29.89
CET	Christopher Estes	Consultant	70.9	\$192.78	\$ 13,667.84
CHD	Christopher Do	Senior Consultant	15	\$188.10	\$ 3,221.89
CHL	Corrine Holt	Consultant	12.8	\$192.91	\$ 2,469.29
CHT	Cheryl Tracey	Consultant	0.7	\$200.87	\$ 140.61
CJC	Caitlin Corrie	Consultant	1.4	\$113.84	\$ 159.38
DAK	Dayna Kosinski	Consultant	2.4	\$153.14	\$ 367.54
DHC	Doretha Hicks	Consultant	21.8	\$190.59	\$ 4,154.96
DLN	Daisy Logan	Consultant	0.1	\$200.90	\$ 20.09
DYV	Dylan Vazquez	Consultant	0.9	\$200.86	\$ 180.78
EAG	Esmeralda Aguayo	Consultant	0.2	\$200.85	\$ 40.17
EGA	Ellis Gatlin	Clerk	3	\$53.19	\$ 159.58
EJG	Evan Gershbein	Senior Managing Consultant	15.2	\$226.13	\$ 3,437.12
EMA	Emry Noa	Clerk	4.5	\$51.46	\$ 231.55
FGZ	Francisco Gonzalez	Clerk	3	\$53.20	\$ 159.59
FRO	Francisco Rodriguez	Consultant	1.7	\$152.18	\$ 258.70
FTA	Frank Taylor	Clerk	2.3	\$53.42	\$ 122.87
GYC	Gregory Crosby	Consultant	100.6	\$192.71	\$ 19,386.66
HBU	Hannah Bussey	Consultant	1.4	\$196.95	\$ 275.73
HEF	Heather Fellows	Consultant	1.2	\$149.42	\$ 179.30
HUM	Hugo Morales	Consultant	1.3	\$155.50	\$ 202.15
ICO	Ignacio Corona	Clerk	2.8	\$53.14	\$ 148.80
INA	Inga Nash	Consultant	2.4	\$200.86	\$ 482.06
IRJ	Ivan Rios Jimenez	Consultant	2.2	\$141.03	\$ 310.26
IVM	Ivonne Mejia	Consultant	0.1	\$200.90	\$ 20.09
JAE	Jasmine Guzman-Escobar	Consultant	0.1	\$200.90	\$ 20.09
JBU	Joseph Bunning	Senior Consultant	140.1	\$198.42	\$ 27,799.27
JCC	Janece Carr	Consultant	142.7	\$193.14	\$ 27,561.67
JDG	Jennifer Grageda	Consultant	0.6	\$149.42	\$ 89.65
JHM	Joetta Thomas	Consultant	26.3	\$182.60	\$ 4,802.38

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JKS	Jake Sulpice	Consultant	1.4	\$118.71	\$ 166.20
JUS	Juliana Shatarah	Consultant	0.4	\$200.88	\$ 80.35
JUY	Justin Uy	Consultant	0.2	\$125.25	\$ 25.05
JWD	Jada Woodard	Consultant	63.6	\$200.86	\$ 12,774.66
KCO	Kaci Courtright	Consultant	0.4	\$200.85	\$ 80.34
KDT	Keith Taylor	Clerk	1	\$53.83	\$ 53.83
KLB	Kelli Brown	Consultant	0.1	\$200.90	\$ 20.09
KPU	Kenneth Pulliam	Consultant	35.3	\$200.86	\$ 7,090.35
KYF	Kimberly Foree	Consultant	21.2	\$182.60	\$ 3,871.12
LUG	Luis Gonzales	Clerk	2.3	\$52.97	\$ 121.82
MAP	Manuel Pastor	Consultant	11.3	\$196.50	\$ 2,220.42
MDO	Matthew Orr	Consultant	14.2	\$195.21	\$ 2,771.92
MTL	Margaret Lucas	Consultant	0.2	\$200.85	\$ 40.17
MVA	Maria Valencia	Clerk	0.1	\$53.80	\$ 5.38
MVZ	Michael Valadez	Consultant	7.4	\$190.50	\$ 1,409.69
NBY	Nicole Bishay	Clerk	0.3	\$53.80	\$ 16.14
PS	Other Project Specialist	Project Specialist	10.9	\$100.00	\$ 1,090.00
PTI	Portia Ashworth	Consultant	99.3	\$191.03	\$ 18,968.86
RHR	Robert Harrison	Consultant	69.4	\$191.78	\$ 13,309.74
RIO	Rosemary Ibarra	Clerk	3.4	\$53.56	\$ 182.09
SPI	Sophia Brown	Consultant	24.3	\$182.60	\$ 4,437.18
STO	Sarahi Ramirez	Clerk	0.7	\$53.86	\$ 37.70
STP	Stephanie Paul	Consultant	4.9	\$118.27	\$ 579.50
SYU	Susan Yu	Consultant	56.9	\$198.09	\$ 11,271.15
SZA	Sonia Zapien	Consultant	0.1	\$200.90	\$ 20.09
TBR	Tara Brown	Consultant	58.2	\$192.65	\$ 11,212.01
TFL	Teresa Flores	Consultant	4.8	\$118.11	\$ 566.95
THU	Terra Hutson	Consultant	75.6	\$189.83	\$ 14,350.89
TTY	Trey Tyson	Consultant	1.2	\$188.14	\$ 225.77
TYT	Tyasia Thomas	Consultant	23.3	\$200.86	\$ 4,680.05
VTM	Vien Marquez	Consultant	11.2	\$194.01	\$ 2,172.94
			1,294.1		\$245,204.44

Total Incurred:	\$245,204.44
Blended Rate:	\$189.48

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES BY CATEGORY

Category	Units	Rate	Amount
Electronic Imaging	2	\$0.11	\$0.22
First Class Mail			\$2,698.76
Pacer			\$28.01
Photocopies	31	\$0.11	\$3.41
Printing and Mailing Expenses			\$16,536.50
Reimbursement of case related phone costs			\$3,888.15
TOTAL			\$23,155.05

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Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC (“KCC”), hereby submits its third interim fee application (the “Application”) for an award of interim compensation for professional services rendered as Information Agent to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”), and reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in connection with such services, for the period June 1, 2020 through and including September 30, 2020 (the “Fee Period”), and respectfully represents:

I. JURISDICTION

1. The Court has jurisdiction over this Application pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334.
2. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(A) and (O).

II. FEES AND EXPENSES FOR WHICH ALLOWANCE IS SOUGHT

3. This Application is made pursuant to sections 330 and 331 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”), Rule 2016(a) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), Rule 2016-1 of the Local Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the “Local Rules”), Administrative Order M-447, Amended Guidelines for Fees and Disbursements for Professionals in Southern District of New York Bankruptcy Cases (the “Local Guidelines”), the United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses (the “UST Guidelines” and, together with the Local Guidelines, the “Guidelines”), the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Retained Professionals*, dated November 21, 2019 (the “Interim Compensation Order”) [Docket No. 529], and the *Order Authorizing the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Purdue Pharma L.P., et al. to Retain and Employ Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC as Information Agent, Nunc Pro Tunc to November 1, 2019* (the “Retention Order”) [Docket No. 527], for an interim award of compensation

for services rendered to the Committee during the Fee Period in the amount of \$245,204.44 and for reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$23,155.05 incurred in connection with the rendition of such services.

4. During the Fee Period, KCC's professionals expended a total of 1,294.1 hours for which compensation is requested. The blended hourly rate for the KCC during the Fee Period was \$189.87.

5. A schedule setting forth the number of hours expended by the professionals of KCC, and their respective hourly rates is attached hereto in **Exhibit A**.

6. A schedule setting forth the expenses incurred by category is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

7. KCC maintains computerized records of the daily time entries completed by all the KCC professionals. Preceding the time entries is a chart listing the names, billing rates, and time spent by each of the professionals rendering services on behalf of the Committee. These computerized records are included in the invoices attached to the Monthly Fee Statements (as defined below) filed with the Court.

8. As set forth in the Certification of Sarah Harbuck, Corporate Counsel of KCC, attached hereto as **Exhibit C**, all of the services for which interim compensation is sought herein were rendered for and on behalf of the Committee in connection with these chapter 11 cases.

III. BACKGROUND

9. On September 15, 2019 (the "**Petition Date**") and September 16, 2019, each of the Debtors filed a voluntary petition for relief pursuant to chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy court for the Southern District of New York (the "**Chapter 11 Cases**")

10. The Debtors continue to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors and debtors in possession pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 1107(a) and 1108.

11. On September 26, 2019, the United States Trustee for Region 2 appointed the

Committee pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 1102. *See Notice Appointing Creditors Committee* [Docket No. 131]. On November 1, 2019, the Committee selected KCC to serve as Information Agent to the Committee in the Chapter 11 Cases.

12. On November 5, 2019, the Committee filed the *Application of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Purdue Pharma, L.P., et al. to Retain and Employ Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC as Information Agent, Nunc Pro Tunc to November 1, 2019* (the “Information Agent Application”) [Docket No. 426], which was granted by the Retention Order.

IV. MONTHLY FEE STATEMENTS

13. On August 11, 2020, KCC filed and served the *Seventh Monthly Fee Statement of Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC for Compensation for Services Rendered and Expenses Incurred as Information Agent for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for the Period June 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020*, [ECF No. 1562] (the “Seventh Monthly Fee Statement”), pursuant to which KCC sought payment of (i) \$66,006.41 (80% of \$82,508.01) as compensation for professional services rendered and (ii) \$7,143.02 for reimbursement of expenses.² KCC did not receive any objections to its Third Monthly Fee Statement and received payment in the amount of \$73,149.43.³

14. On September 16, 2020, KCC filed and served the *Eighth Monthly Fee Statement of Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC for Compensation for Services Rendered and Expenses Incurred as Information Agent for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for the Period July 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020*, [ECF No. 1700] (the “Eighth Monthly Fee Statement”), pursuant to which KCC sought payment of (i) \$98,689.57 (80% of \$123,361.96) as compensation

² A copy of the Seventh Monthly Fee Statement can be accessed on the docket or on the Debtors’ case website at: <https://restructuring.primeclerk.com/purduepharma/Home-DownloadPDF?id1=NTc0MDgy&id2=0>

³ This amount includes \$245.01 in sales tax.

for professional services rendered and (ii) \$ \$11,646.92 for reimbursement of expenses.⁴ KCC did not receive any objections to its Eighth Monthly Fee Statement but has not yet been paid these amounts.

15. On October 30, 2020, KCC filed and served the *Amended Ninth Monthly Fee Statement of Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC for Compensation for Services Rendered and Expenses Incurred as Information Agent for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for the Period August 1, 2020 through August 30, 2020*, [ECF No. 1879] (the “Ninth Monthly Fee Statement”), pursuant to which KCC sought payment of (i) \$22,825.58 (80% of \$28,531.98) as compensation for professional services rendered and (ii) \$1,081.20 for reimbursement of expenses.⁵ KCC did not receive any objections to its Fifth Monthly Fee Statement but has not yet been paid these amounts.

16. On November 11, 2020, KCC filed and served the *Tenth Monthly Fee Statement of Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC for Compensation for Services Rendered and Expenses Incurred as Information Agent for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for the Period September 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020*, [ECF No. 1930] (the “Tenth Monthly Fee Statement,” and collectively with the Seventh Monthly Fee Statement, Eighth Monthly Fee Statement and Ninth Monthly Fee Statement, the “Monthly Fee Statements”), pursuant to which KCC sought payment of (i) \$8,641.99 (80% of \$10,802.49) as compensation for professional services rendered and (ii) \$3,283.91 for reimbursement of expenses.⁶ As of the date of this Application, KCC did not receive any objections to its Tenth Monthly Fee Statement.

⁴ A copy of the Eighth Monthly Fee Statement can be accessed on the docket or on the Debtors’ case website at: <https://restructuring.primeclerk.com/purduepharma/Home-DownloadPDF?id1=MTA3MTAyMw==&id2=0>

⁵ A copy of the Ninth Monthly Fee Statement can be accessed on the docket or on the Debtors’ case website at: <https://restructuring.primeclerk.com/purduepharma/Home-DownloadPDF?id1=MTExMTc4Ng==&id2=0>

⁶ A copy of the Tenth Monthly Fee Statement can be accessed on the docket or on the Debtors’ case website at: <https://restructuring.primeclerk.com/purduepharma/Home-DownloadPDF?id1=MTExNDU1OQ==&id2=0>

V. SUMMARY OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RENDERED

17. The following is a summary description of the primary services rendered by KCC during the Fee Period that highlights the benefits conferred upon the Committee. All of the professional services rendered by the KCC are set forth in the computerized time records maintained by KCC and in the invoices annexed to the Monthly Fee Statements, and the Court is respectfully referred to those records for detail of all work performed by the Applicant.

18. KCC rendered extensive administrative services on behalf of the Committee during the Fee Period. KCC's services included assisting with the service of Committee filings, which included communicating with counsel, tracking relevant deadlines, conducting service of filed documents, performing quality assurance related thereto, preparing and filing certificates of service, and tracking undeliverable mail.

19. KCC additionally tracked and responded to creditor and patient inquiries. This included training and supervising agents in order to ensure accurate and timely responses. KCC personnel handled live call inquiries, as well as logged, tracked, and responded to creditor inquiries regarding the chapter 11 process, case and claim status, and claim filing procedures.

20. KCC also updated the Committee website with relevant dates and information as needed.

VI. COMPENSATION REQUESTED

21. There are numerous factors to be considered by the Court in determining allowances of compensation. *See, e.g., In re First Colonial Corp. of Am.*, 544 F.2d 1291 (5th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 431 U.S. 904 (1977); *Johnson v. Georgia Highway Express, Inc.*, 488 F.2d 714 (5th Cir. 1974); *In re Drexel Burnham Lambert Grp., Inc.*, 133 B.R. 13 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1991). *See also In re Nine Assocs., Inc.*, 76 B.R. 943 (S.D.N.Y. 1987); *In re Cuisine Magazine, Inc.*, 61 B.R. 210 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1986).

22. The perspective from which an application for an allowance of compensation should

be viewed in a bankruptcy case was aptly stated by Congressman Edwards on the floor of the House of Representatives on September 28, 1978, when he made the following statement in relation to section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code:

[B]ankruptcy legal services are entitled to command the same competency of counsel as other cases. In that light, the policy of this section is to compensate attorneys and other professionals serving in a case under title 11 at the same rate as the attorney or other professional would be compensated for performing comparable services other than in a case under title 11. Contrary language in the Senate report accompanying S.2266 is rejected, and *Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company v. Brock*, 405 F.2d 429, 432 (5th Cir. 1968) is overruled. Notions of economy of the estate in fixing fees are outdated and have no place in a bankruptcy code.

124 CONG. REC. H11,092 (daily ed. Sept. 28, 1978) (emphasis added); *see also In re McCombs*, 751 F.2d 286 (8th Cir. 1984); *In re Drexel Burnham Lambert Grp., Inc.*, 133 B.R. 13 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1991) (“*Drexel Burnham*”); *In re Carter*, 101 B.R. 170 (Bankr. D.S.D. 1989); *In re Pub. Serv. Co. of New Hampshire*, 93 B.R. 823, 830 (Bankr. D.N.H. 1988); *In re White Motor Credit Corp.*, 50 B.R. 885 (Bankr. N.D. Ohio 1985).

23. In awarding compensation pursuant to section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code to professional persons employed under section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Court must take into account, among other factors, the cost of comparable non-bankruptcy services. Section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code provides, in pertinent part, for payment of:

(A) reasonable compensation for actual, necessary services rendered by the trustee, examiner, professional person, or attorney and by any paraprofessional persons employed by such person; and

(B) reimbursement for actual, necessary expenses. 11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(1).

24. As the court in *Drexel Burnham* stated:

With due recognition of the historical position of Bankruptcy Courts in compensation matters, we recognize that creditors have agreed to pay rates for retained counsel of their choice because of the needs of the particular case. One could posit

other situations or cases where a presumption of prior informed judgment might not be as strong. Here, however, we have a multi-debtor, multi-committee case involving sophisticated creditors who have determined that the rates charged and tasks undertaken by attorneys are appropriate. We should not, and will not, second guess the determination of those parties, who are directed by Congress, under the Bankruptcy Code, to shape and resolve the case, and who are in fact bearing the cost. To do so, of course, would be to continue what Congress specifically intended to stop in 1978: Courts, instead of markets, setting rates, with the inevitable consequence that all the legal specialists required by the debtor or official committees would demur to participate.

Drexel Burnham, 133 B.R. at 20-21.

25. The professional services rendered by KCC have required substantial time and effort. During the Fee Period, KCC's professionals recorded 1,294.1 hours providing the required professional services. KCC will continue to perform those services necessary to the Committee.

26. Time and labor devoted is only one of the many factors to be considered in awarding compensation. The number of hours expended must be considered in light of (i) the amount of work involved and the results achieved to date; (ii) the novelty and difficulty of the questions presented; (iii) the skill requisite to properly perform the legal services; (iv) the preclusion of other employment on behalf of other clients; (v) the customary fee charged to a private client for the services rendered; (vi) awards in similar cases; (vii) time constraints required by the exigencies of the case, including the frequency and amount of time required to be devoted other than during regular business hours; (viii) the experience, reputation, and ability of the attorneys rendering services; and (ix) the nature and length of the professional relationship with the client (the "Johnson Factors"). See *Johnson v. Georgia Highway Express*, 488 F.2d at 717-19 (enumerating factors to be considered in awarding attorneys' fees in equal employment opportunities cases under Title VII); *In re First Colonial Corp. of Am.*, 544 F.2d at 1294 (applying the Johnson Factors in bankruptcy cases).

27. The majority of the *Johnson* Factors are codified in section 330(a) of the Bankruptcy

Code, and have been applied by various courts in making determinations that requested fees constitute reasonable compensation. It is well settled that the “lodestar method,”⁷ as opposed to an application solely of the *Johnson* Factors, is the best means of determining fees in bankruptcy cases.⁸ The Supreme Court, however, has clearly articulated that the “lodestar method” is presumed to subsume the *Johnson* Factors, as does section 330(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. *Delaware Valley I*, 478 U.S. at 563; *Cena’s Fine Furniture*, 109 B.R. at 581.

28. In the instant case, KCC respectfully submits that the services for which it seeks compensation in this Application were necessary for and beneficial to the Committee during the pendency of these Chapter 11 Cases. KCC respectfully submits that the services rendered to the Committee were performed economically, effectively and efficiently and the results obtained have benefited not only the Committee, but also creditors and parties in interest as a whole. KCC further submits that the compensation requested herein is reasonable in light of the nature, extent and value of such services to the Committee

29. In sum, the services rendered by KCC were necessary and beneficial to the Committee and were consistently performed in a timely manner commensurate with the complexity, importance, novelty and nature of the issues involved. Accordingly, approval of the compensation sought herein is warranted.

30. In view of the foregoing, KCC respectfully requests that it be allowed interim

⁷ Application of the “lodestar method” involves multiplying the number of hours reasonably expended on the case by the reasonable hourly rate of compensation for each attorney. *Shaw v. Travelers Indem. Co. (In re Grant Assocs.)*, 154 B.R. 836, 843 (S.D.N.Y. 1993). This method of calculating attorney fees is appropriate in light of section 330(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, which serves as a starting point, permitting bankruptcy courts, in their own discretion, to consider other factors, such as the novelty and difficulty of the issues, the special skills of counsel, and their results obtained. *In re Copeland*, 154 B.R. 693, 698 (Bankr. W.D. Mich. 1993).

⁸ See e.g., *Pennsylvania v. Del. Valley Citizens’ Counsel for Clean Air*, 483 U.S. 711 (“*Delaware Valley II*”), on remand, 826 F.2d 238 (3d Cir. 1987); *Pennsylvania v. Del. Valley Citizens’ Council for Clean Air*, 478 U.S. 546 (1986) (“*Delaware Valley I*”); *United States Football League v. Nat’l Football League*, 887 F.2d 408, 413 (2d Cir. 1989), cert. denied, 493 U.S. 1071 (1990); *Lindy Bros. Builders, Inc. of Phila. v. Am. Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corp.*, 487 F.2d 161 (3d Cir. 1973), vacated on other grounds, 540 F.2d 102 (3d Cir. 1976); *In re Cena’s Fine Furniture, Inc.*, 109 B.R. 575 (E.D.N.Y. 1990); *In re Drexel Burnham Lambert Grp., Inc.*, 133 B.R. 13, 21 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1991).

compensation in the amount of \$245,204.44 for services rendered and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$23,155.05 during the Fee Period.

VII. CONCLUSION

31. The administrative services summarized by this Application and rendered by KCC to the Committee during the Fee Period were substantial, professional, and beneficial to the Committee.

32. As demonstrated throughout this Application, the other factors typically considered in determining compensation -- including complexity, results achieved, special expertise, magnitude of the matter, and professional standing -- all militate toward the conclusion that the amount of compensation requested by KCC is necessary, fair, and reasonable.

33. All services for which compensation is sought were performed for and on behalf of the Committee. KCC is charging its standard hourly rate for professionals performing services. KCC has not entered into any agreement, express or implied, with any other party in interest for the purpose of fixing or sharing fees or other compensation to be paid for professional services rendered in these Chapter 11 Cases.

WHEREFORE, KCC respectfully requests that this Court enter an order: (a) awarding KCC interim compensation and reimbursement of expenses for the Fee Period in the total amount of \$269,007.05; (b) authorizing and directing payment by the Debtors of any amounts remaining unpaid; and (c) granting such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: November 16, 2020
El Segundo, California

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Exhibit A

Summary of Compensation by Individual

Initials	Name	Position	Hours	Rate	Total
AES	Anitra Eubanks	Consultant	1.5	\$200.86	\$ 301.29
ANP	Angela Preston	Consultant	0.5	\$200.88	\$ 100.44
AOP	Alfredo Pastor	Consultant	17.2	\$196.19	\$ 3,374.48
AWC	Andrew Clemans	Consultant	26.1	\$172.02	\$ 4,489.72
BIF	Bianca Barrera	Consultant	0.2	\$200.90	\$ 40.18
BSZ	Bobbie Szlembarska	Consultant	2.3	\$153.05	\$ 352.01
BYH	Bryanna Hensley	Consultant	64.8	\$194.35	\$ 12,593.91
CCE	Cerene Credo	Consultant	0.2	\$149.45	\$ 29.89
CET	Christopher Estes	Consultant	70.9	\$192.78	\$ 13,667.84
CHD	Christopher Do	Senior Consultant	15	\$188.10	\$ 3,221.89
CHL	Corrine Holt	Consultant	12.8	\$192.91	\$ 2,469.29
CHT	Cheryl Tracey	Consultant	0.7	\$200.87	\$ 140.61
CJC	Caitlin Corrie	Consultant	1.4	\$113.84	\$ 159.38
DAK	DAYNA Kosinski	Consultant	2.4	\$153.14	\$ 367.54
DHC	Doretha Hicks	Consultant	21.8	\$190.59	\$ 4,154.96
DLN	Daisy Logan	Consultant	0.1	\$200.90	\$ 20.09
DYV	Dylan Vazquez	Consultant	0.9	\$200.86	\$ 180.78
EAG	Esmeralda Aguayo	Consultant	0.2	\$200.85	\$ 40.17
EGA	Ellis Gatlin	Clerk	3	\$53.19	\$ 159.58
EJG	Evan Gershbein	Senior Managing Consultant	15.2	\$226.13	\$ 3,437.12
EMA	Emry Noa	Clerk	4.5	\$51.46	\$ 231.55
FGZ	Francisco Gonzalez	Clerk	3	\$53.20	\$ 159.59
FRO	Francisco Rodriguez	Consultant	1.7	\$152.18	\$ 258.70
FTA	Frank Taylor	Clerk	2.3	\$53.42	\$ 122.87
GYC	Gregory Crosby	Consultant	100.6	\$192.71	\$ 19,386.66
HBU	Hannah Bussey	Consultant	1.4	\$196.95	\$ 275.73
HEF	Heather Fellows	Consultant	1.2	\$149.42	\$ 179.30
HUM	Hugo Morales	Consultant	1.3	\$155.50	\$ 202.15
ICO	Ignacio Corona	Clerk	2.8	\$53.14	\$ 148.80
INA	Inga Nash	Consultant	2.4	\$200.86	\$ 482.06
IRJ	Ivan Rios Jimenez	Consultant	2.2	\$141.03	\$ 310.26
IVM	Ivonne Mejia	Consultant	0.1	\$200.90	\$ 20.09
JAE	Jasmine Guzman-Escobar	Consultant	0.1	\$200.90	\$ 20.09
JBU	Joseph Bunning	Senior Consultant	140.1	\$198.42	\$ 27,799.27

Initials	Name	Position	Hours	Rate	Total
JCC	Janece Carr	Consultant	142.7	\$193.14	\$ 27,561.67
JDG	Jennifer Grageda	Consultant	0.6	\$149.42	\$ 89.65
JHM	Joetta Thomas	Consultant	26.3	\$182.60	\$ 4,802.38
JKS	Jake Sulpice	Consultant	1.4	\$118.71	\$ 166.20
JUS	Juliana Shatarah	Consultant	0.4	\$200.88	\$ 80.35
JUY	Justin Uy	Consultant	0.2	\$125.25	\$ 25.05
JWD	Jada Woodard	Consultant	63.6	\$200.86	\$ 12,774.66
KCO	Kaci Courtright	Consultant	0.4	\$200.85	\$ 80.34
KDT	Keith Taylor	Clerk	1	\$53.83	\$ 53.83
KLB	Kelli Brown	Consultant	0.1	\$200.90	\$ 20.09
KPU	Kenneth Pulliam	Consultant	35.3	\$200.86	\$ 7,090.35
KYF	Kimberly Foree	Consultant	21.2	\$182.60	\$ 3,871.12
LUG	Luis Gonzales	Clerk	2.3	\$52.97	\$ 121.82
MAP	Manuel Pastor	Consultant	11.3	\$196.50	\$ 2,220.42
MDO	Matthew Orr	Consultant	14.2	\$195.21	\$ 2,771.92
MTL	Margaret Lucas	Consultant	0.2	\$200.85	\$ 40.17
MVA	Maria Valencia	Clerk	0.1	\$53.80	\$ 5.38
MVZ	Michael Valadez	Consultant	7.4	\$190.50	\$ 1,409.69
NBY	Nicole Bishay	Clerk	0.3	\$53.80	\$ 16.14
PS	Other Project Specialist	Project Specialist	10.9	\$100.00	\$ 1,090.00
PTI	Portia Ashworth	Consultant	99.3	\$191.03	\$ 18,968.86
RHR	Robert Harrison	Consultant	69.4	\$191.78	\$ 13,309.74
RIO	Rosemary Ibarra	Clerk	3.4	\$53.56	\$ 182.09
SPI	Sophia Brown	Consultant	24.3	\$182.60	\$ 4,437.18
STO	Sarahi Ramirez	Clerk	0.7	\$53.86	\$ 37.70
STP	Stephanie Paul	Consultant	4.9	\$118.27	\$ 579.50
SYU	Susan Yu	Consultant	56.9	\$198.09	\$ 11,271.15
SZA	Sonia Zapien	Consultant	0.1	\$200.90	\$ 20.09
TBR	Tara Brown	Consultant	58.2	\$192.65	\$ 11,212.01
TFL	Teresa Flores	Consultant	4.8	\$118.11	\$ 566.95
THU	Terra Hutson	Consultant	75.6	\$189.83	\$ 14,350.89
TTY	Trey Tyson	Consultant	1.2	\$188.14	\$ 225.77
TYT	Tyasias Thomas	Consultant	23.3	\$200.86	\$ 4,680.05
VTM	Vien Marquez	Consultant	11.2	\$194.01	\$ 2,172.94
			1,294.1		\$245,204.44

Exhibit B

Summary of Expenses by Category

Category	Units	Rate	Amount
Electronic Imaging	2	\$0.11	\$0.22
First Class Mail			\$2,698.76
Pacer			\$28.01
Photocopies	31	\$0.11	\$3.41
Printing and Mailing Expenses			\$16,536.50
Reimbursement of case related phone costs			\$3,888.15
TOTAL			\$23,155.05

Exhibit C

Certification

CERTIFICATION

I, Sarah Harbuck, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, state as follows:

- a) I am Corporate Counsel of the applicant firm, Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC.
- b) I am familiar with the work performed by Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC on behalf of the Committee.
- c) I have reviewed the foregoing Fee Application and the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. Moreover, I have reviewed Local Rule 2016-1, and submit that the Fee Statement substantially complies with such rule.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Dated: November 16, 2020
El Segundo, California

/s/ Sarah Harbuck

Sarah Harbuck